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United States Patent Application
COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor WE hereby declare that: our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; that

We verily believe We are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: VIDEO GAMING SYSTEM WITH WILD CARD SYSTEM AND BONUS SYSTEM. The specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, ³ 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent of inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

No such applications have been filed.

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No such applications have been filed

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We hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or patent agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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